**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS** 

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A layer forming relief for transferring and printing an application fluid

applied on printing convex portions on a printing object, the layer forming relief comprising the

printing convex portions formed as a strip linear strips, adjoining printing convex portions

aligned to be parallel with each other with a prescribed space, and a plurality of micro-

projections distributed on top faces of each of the printing convex portions so as to form a groove

between adjoining micro-projections for retaining the application fluid.

2. (Currently Amended) The layer forming relief according to Claim 1, wherein the application

fluid is an organic luminous substance, the micro-projection is formed into a truncated cone or a

cylinder conical or cylindrical shape, and the height of the micro-projection is in the range of 2 to

 $50 \mu m$ , the diameter of the top face of the micro-projection is  $5 \mu m$  or more, the space between

the adjoining micro-projections is 7 µm or more, and the number of the micro-projections is in

the range of 2 to 30 and is formed so as to be distributed in the width direction of the top face on

the printing convex portion.

3. (Currently Amended) A layer forming relief for transferring and printing an application fluid

applied on top faces of printing convex portions on a printing object, the layer forming relief

comprising the printing convex portions formed as a strip linear strips, adjoining printing convex

portions aligned to be parallel with each other with a prescribed space, and a plurality of

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projected micro-stripes distributed on the top faces of each of the printing convex portions so as

to form a groove between adjoining micro-stripes for retaining the application fluid.

4. (Currently Amended) The layer forming relief according to Claim 3, wherein the application

fluid is an organic luminous substance, the cross section of the projected micro-stripes in the

direction perpendicular to the longitudinal direction is trapezoidal or rectangular, and the height

of the projected micro-stripe is in the range of 2 to 55 µm, the width of the top face of the

projected micro-stripe is 3.5 µm or more, the space between the adjoining projected micro-stripes

is 7 µm or more, and the number of the projected micro-stripes is in the range of 2 to 33 and is

formed so as to be distributed in the width direction of the top face on the printing convex

portion.

5-8. (Cancelled).

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